subject of discussion at various fora. The Conference of Labour Ministers held in 1985 recommended that wherever there is a wide disparity in wages in particular scheduled employments covering two or more States, efforts should be made by all concerned to reduce disparity. The 28th Indian Labour Conference (1985) discussed the need for national minimum wage. It decided that till such time as this becomes feasible it would be desirable to have regional minimum wages in regard to which the Central Government may lay down the guidelines.

The guidelines have been formulated in this regard and circulated to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Central Government has also advised the State Governments not to fix minimum wage in any scheduled employment at less than Rs. 15.00 per day.

Regarding intra-State disparity, the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 empowers an appropriate Government to fix different rates of minimum wages for different scheduled employments and also for different localities in the same State.

Closures and Lock-out Cases in the Newspapers Industry

$1724. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state the number of closures and lockout cases in the newspaper industry in the country during the last two years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): According to the Labour Bureau, lockouts in three establishments and closure of two establishments were declared in the newspaper industry during 1989 and 1990.

Status of Ghronda Neemka, Delhi

1725. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pandav Nagar Colony near the factory of Mother Dairy in Patpar Ganj in the Shahdara Zone, Delhi-92 is located in the rural areas of Ghronda Neemka since declared as urban covering the old abadi as well as the entire revenue estate of the Ghronda Neemka village;

(b) whether it is also a fact that as per revenue records 'Ghronda Neemka' does not exist near the factory of Mother Dairy in Patparganj, Shahdara Zone Delhi—92 and it is only Ghronda Neemka where Pandav Nagar Colony is situated; and

(c) if so, what is the factual position in his regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Deputy Commissioner Delhi, has informed that the Pandav Nagar Colony is situated in the land of Village Ghronda Neemka Banger near the Mother Dairy factory. The Mother Dairy factory is situated on the land of Village Mandwali Fazalpur.

Pisciculture in Himachal Pradesh

1726. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that areas of Kinnaur, Lahaul and Spiti in Himachal Pradesh are suitable for the development of pisciculture;

(b) if so, whether any scheme for the development of pisciculture has been drawn in these areas; and if so, the deails thereof; and

(c) the quantum of Central aid proposed to be given in this regard to Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Some areas of Kinnaur, Lahaul and Spiti in Himachal Pradesh are suitable for development of pisciculture.

(b) and (c) The schemes taken up for development of pisciculture are management and development of sport fisheries

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for production of trout seed and grant-in-aid to Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Palampur fo revolving suitable pisciculture techniques for high altitude waters. The total outlay during 1991-92 for above mentioned two schemes is Rs. 9.8 lakhs. Under Special Central Assistance Scheme, 50 per cent subsidy is also provided for construction of fish ponds by tribal people in the area. The total outlay during 1991-92 for the above mentioned Special Central Assisted Scheme is Rs. 1.2 lakhs for construction of ponds by the tribal people and Rs. 80,000 for miner works in the area.

Exploitation of Construction Labour

1227. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the plight of the construction workers is of an exploited lot;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are aware of the seminar held on the 2nd July, 1991 in Delhi on the subject; if so, the issues discussed in the seminar and what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) to (c) The suggestions for a Central legeislation for improving the lot of the constructoin workers and the points raised at the seminar held on 2nd July, 1991, at Delhi which *inter-alia* provides for setting up of Tripartite Construction Labour Boards, are under consideration of Government.

Subletting of Government Accommodation in Kali Bari and Mandir Marg

1728. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: SHRI DAVID LEDGER:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the Type II Government quarters in H-Block, Kali Bari and J-Block, Mandir Marg, New Delhi have been let out;

(b) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, what is the number and details of the quarters found fully let out; and

(d) whether any action has been taken against the guilty allottees on the basis of this enquiry; if so, the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) During the last two years, complaints about subletting of 24 quarters in 'H' Block Kali Bari and 'J' Block Mandir Marg, New Delhi were received.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Surprise inspections were carried out in 19 out of these 24 quarters. After detailed enquiries, subletting was found proved in 10 cases. Consequently allotment of these government residence were ordered to be cancelled and further penalties were imposed as provided under the Allotment Rules.

Complaints Registered with C.P.W.D. Enquiry Office Sector II, Mandir Marg, New Delhi

1729. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of complaints registered with CPWD Enquiry office, Sector II, J-Block Mandir Marg, New Delhi for the change of window panes, windows and doors and re-flooring of kitchen in the J-Block Government Colony Mandir Marg, New Delhi-1;

(b) since when these complaints are pending with CPWD enquiry office;